

Ephrata Recreation Center's

GOLDEN YEARS CLUB

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Club News

Executive Board News: Message from President Russell Shirker

Well, by the time you read this message ground hog day will be long gone. Did he see his shadow? I wonder if a female ground hog would approach this time of year with different thoughts. Think about it. Today is a sunny day but temperature wise not too good. Hey, there is no snow and for many of us we think that is the way to go. Spring is coming on fast. I have seen many spring birds in the area as all of you have and that always makes us feel good.

Our annual summer picnic will be held Wednesday July 14th. Walter Johns will again be doing the chicken bar b que as he has the past two years. Walt lives in Ephrata and has been cooking chickens for many years. A number of local groups have Walt for their outings and he always comes thru.

Our invitation has arrived and the GYC members are again invited to attend the dress rehearsal of Ephrata High School's play "Pippin" It is a Broadway dance and musical production by Bob Fosse. Exact date and time to be announced.

Discussion was held at the executive board meeting on the need to have officers in place for the September meeting. However, as of this date there are no names to be mentioned as to accepting any office for the term 2010-2011. This is a GREAT concern to the future of our club. And recently I noticed that another organization has their president and THREE vice presidents. Is there a future for The Ephrata Golden Years Club? I certainly hope so. The history of our club shows that it was founded in 1954. Fifteen members attended the initial meeting on Wednesday, November 24th in the Rec Center, then located on Cloister Avenue. That is 55 years ago. And today we have over 350 members. We can't turn our backs on this club after those original members had the foresight to have a club for senior citizens age 55 and older. As with any organization, officers are needed and volunteers to assist in the monthly activities. Please give this some serious thought. YOU can make a difference.

The committee also talked about the lack of attendance at our meetings. At the January meeting there were only 72 members present. This was probably due to the small amount of snow which covered the roads early that morning. Should the club consider going dark during January and February to avoid winter concerns? Finally, with a membership of our size, how do we get out attendance to increase?

This was a difficult letter to write. This club has many talented members and I'm sure some will step forward and help this club continue and also to grow. Hey, I'll see you at our next meeting.

Club Meeting Dates

Lunch: 12:00 P.M. Business Meeting: 12:45 P.M. Pg 2

April 7, 2010

Greeters: Vera Gunselman & Marian Garman

Kitchen Helpers: Betty Martzall, Jean Chaballa, Viola Hostetter, Isabel Sweigart

Menu: Pork Bar-B-Que, Potato Salad, Chips, Marble Cake

Program: Traditional Encore Appearance - Ephrata High School Jazz Ensemble directed by Scott Fairchild making their annual return engagement for our entertainment. *****One of the highlights of GYC*****

May 5, 2010

Greeters: Ralph & Joan Ransom

Kitchen Helpers: Mother's Day *****Men will serve*****

Menu: Ham Sandwich, Chips, Bread & Butter Pickles, Dove Bar

Program: Ronald Desenberg and the and the "Golden Tones" composed of members of the Lancaster Senior Orchestra. Versatility with old favorites, show tunes and Big band era music.

June 2, 2010

Greeters: Ruth Long & Claire Gester

Kitchen Helpers: Nancy Snook, Anita Lucky, Judy Stevens, Erma Smith

Menu: Chicken Salad Sandwich, Cheese Cubes, Fruit Jell-o, Coconut Custard Cup

Program: Karen Gerth - KPETS: Not old enough for Golden Years but she is a "Golden Girl". With Karen's Golden Retrievers, she will demonstrate how dogs are used for a wide variety of therapy; Opportunity to interact with the dogs; See Aug program for more canine opportunities

July 14, 2010

Greeters: Lenie Foley, Nancy Snook

Kitchen Helpers: Russ & Janice Shirker, James & Betty Lentz

Menu: See sign-up on page 3

Program: Annual Picnic No program



August 4, 2010

Greeters: Bill & Ruth Courtney

Kitchen Helpers: Rose Williams, June Hoist
Norma Boyer, Rochelle Lauver

Menu: Egg Salad Sandwich, Potato Salad, Cheese Cubes, Fruit Kabobs

Program: Donna Dinger: A teacher at the Adamstown Elementary School and also works with Greyhounds as therapy dogs. Donna will have her Greyhounds with her and will demonstrate how they assist in therapy situations.

September 1, 2010

Greeters: Basil & Gloria Reynolds

Kitchen Helpers: Nancy and Leon Wanner,
Theresa & Donald Bender

Menu: Vegetable soup, Red Beet Egg, Crackers, Apple Pie

Program: Frankie Widder - Akron Resident Frankie will play his Electronic Acoordian Featuring Big/Band/Italian/German/Irish selections. Frankie is a well known resident and we are pleased to have him on the GYC program.

Annual Picnic Registration Form

Please reserve a place for me/us at the **Annual Picnic July 14, 2010**

Served At The Rec. Cost \$6.00 per person

(1) Name _____ (2) Name _____

Menu: Bar-B-Q Chicken
Baked Potato, Pepper Cabbage
Roll/Butter, Cup Cake
Coffee & Cold Drinks

**PLEASE FILL IN THIS FORM AND MAIL OR BRING IN TO REC CENTER OFFICE
RESERVATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED BY July 7, 2010
NO LATE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED**



MATURE DRIVING COURSES

Two AARP Mature Driving Classes will be held at the Ephrata Recreation Center

FOUR HOUR REFRESHER course: Thursday, June 3

10:30 AM until 2:30 PM

(For those who have previously completed the 8-hour course)

The initial EIGHT HOUR course: Tuesday & Wednesday, May 11 & 12

10:30 AM until 2:30 PM

Registration forms are available at the Rec's front desk.

Registration is limited to 30 individuals

Cost for AARP Members: \$12 for each course Non Members: \$14 for each course

Make Checks Payable To: "AARP"

GYC Aquatics

Aqua Fitness:

Tuesday, Thursday

8:00 to 9:00 A.M. \$19.00/session

Open Swim:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

10:00 to 11:00 A.M.

GYC Membership Card must be shown

Entrance to the Rec is given

15 minutes before start times

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Welcome New Members!

Sept 09 - Feb 10

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Alice DeHoff
Clarence DeHoff
Eleanor Dombach
Dorothy Drost
Kathy Gruber
Rebecca hatch
Pauline Hinds
Manalena Horn
Kathryn Horst
Joann Markey

Gladys Mento
John Mento
Patricia Mullins
Wilfred Potteiger
Mary Schlabach
Marie Shope
Maribelle Steffy
Ruth Stoltzfus
Adele Weaver
Leah Zechman
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